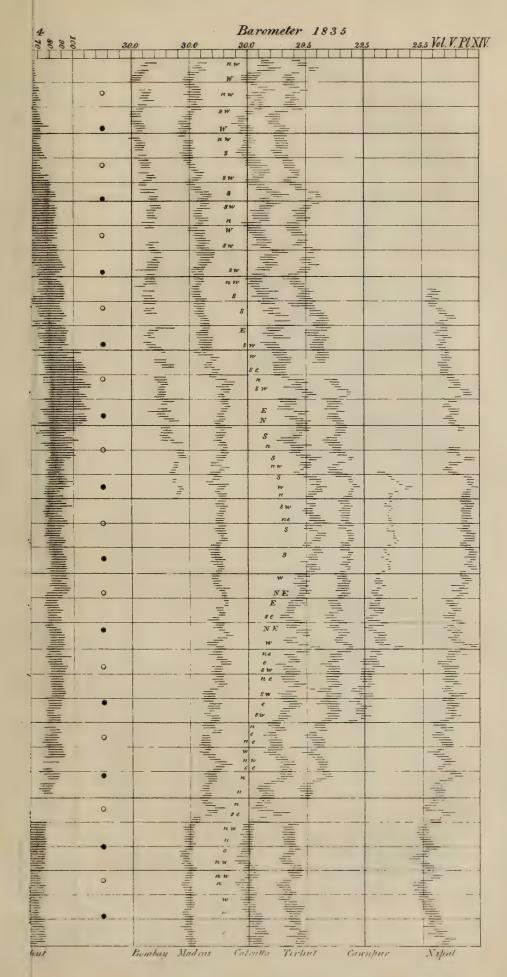
XIII.—A Comparative view of the daily range of the Barometer in different parts of India. By James Prinsep, Sec. As. Soc. &c.

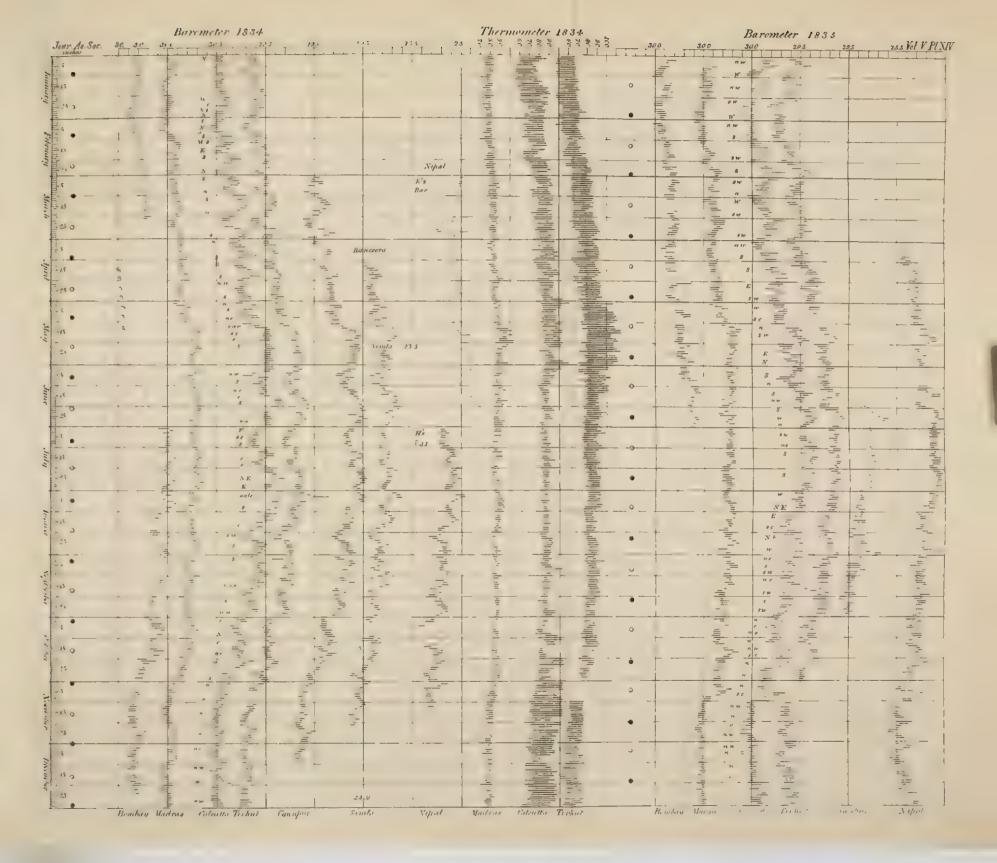
The friends who have for the last two years favored me with copies of their Meteorological Registers, have doubtless accused me of a most ungracious requital of their labours, in the long slumber to which they have apparently been devoted in my editorial escrutoire! Such is not absolutely the true state of the case; but the number attached to the accompanying plate* will, I fear, testify against me to the extent of having kept back for nearly a year, the curious facts that had been elicited from the possession of so many valuable records of the weather.

The fact is, that the prompt attention with which my appeal was answered by observers of the weather in numerous parts of India, served as a check to the immediate publication of the materials supplied. The very voluminous dimensions of such registers, and their dry and unperusable nature, even by the few who would like well to consult them, set me about contriving some method of condensing their results into convenient compass, and exhibiting them to the eye in a manner more perspicuous than could possibly be accomplished by a mass of mere figures.

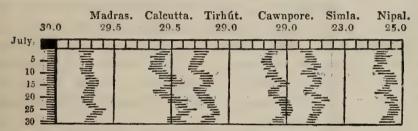
The usual form of a diagram of zigzag lines from point to point would apply tolerably well to a series of single daily observations, taken at a particular hour, and would trace out in a gently undulating curve, the course of annual variation; but if made to embrace the double daily oscillation, now well known to be steadily pursued by the Barometer in intertropical climates, it was evident that the alternations would be too confused on a small scale to be followed pleasantly by the eye. A slight modification suggested itself, as calculated to remove all objections to this mode of displaying the phenomena, without taking in any degree from the accurate notation of the fixed points of observation, while it represented more palpably the amount of daily oscillation. The modification to which I allude will be readily understood by inspection of Plate XIV. It consists in breaking the connection between the consecutive days, and merely laying off, in short parallel lines, the interval between the maximum and minimum readings of the instrument. The proximity of the lines enables the eye to fancy an imaginary line drawn centrally through them to represent the mean course, without the necessity of drawing it, while errors of the tenth of an inch, so liable to occur, and so difficult of detection in a series of figures, became at once obvious and remediable.

^{*} It was first printed as Plate IX. subsequently altered to XIV.





advantage, however, of the plan of parallel lines was, that type might be adapted to express the observations with as much facility as to a figured statement. Having the brass rules of my calendric scales already divided according to the days of the year, it only would be requisite to cast a quantity of rules of the thickness of one day, and exactly one-tenth of an inch in breadth; the printing surface of some being retained of the full length, and that of others reduced successively one hundredth, two hundredths, three hundredths, &c., so that nine varieties, and a large supply of blanks or quadrates of the same dimensions, would be sufficient to lay off any series correct to the hundredth of an inch, which is ample for most purposes. I here give a sample of this mode of registry in type, although, as I had previously engraved a copper-plate divided for the purpose, I have not, on the present occasion, made any use of the typographic plan, in spite of the far greater expedition and precision of which it is capable.



It is merely necessary to denote by figures at the top, the value of the neutral line from which each set of readings is to be estimated right and left, in some even division of the inch, as 29.50 inch for Calcutta; 29.00 inch for Tirhut, or 25.00 for Nipal, &c. To reduce the lines into figures when requisite, an ivory inch scale may be applied, but this will seldom be necessary if such linear tables are accompanied by monthly abstracts in the ordinary form: the chief advantage of the lines being to shew at a glance the variations of pressure or other phenomena, during the month, in a very small compass, and for many localities at the same time.

Having thus explained the principles upon which the accompanying plate was filled up,—a work of no small patience by the way, seeing that it contains 13 columns of 365 double entries, or nearly 10,000 individual measurements laid off by scale to the hundredth of an inch,—I will proceed to notice, first, the authorities whence the various columns are derived; and, secondly, the instructive and highly curious facts it discloses.

The Madras column is extracted from the registers published by Mr. TAYLOR, the H. C.'s Astronomer at Madras, in the Journal of the Literary Society at that place. For the Bombay column I am indebted

to my brother Assav Master, Mr. Noton, who kindly sent me copies of some registers made mostly during his absence. The series is broken in many places, and the observations between June and October, 1834, were evidently taken by an inexperienced hand. The single line marked Socotra is from the register kept by Captain HAINES while engaged in the survey of the island. As the hours chosen by him were not those of the maximum and minimum, I thought it best to confine myself to the noon readings as a mean of the day. Calcutta columns are taken from my own registers, published in this Journal. The Tirhút diary was kept at my request by my cousin, the late Mr. Thomas Dashwood, Judge at Mozafferpur, who kept it up unremittedly for three years and a half, indeed until a very few days before his sudden and lamented death*. One year of this series has already been published at length in the 2nd and 3rd volumes of the Journal. For the Campore register I am beholden to Colonel G. Pol-LOCK, C. B. of the artillery. This series is unfortunately intermittent, from his having been obliged to send his barometer to Calcutta. in December, 1834: which, however, furnished an opportunity of comparing it with my own standard. A little to the right of the Cawnpore line for 1834, are entered the observations of Mr. RITCHIE at Bancoora, for April and May, also abruptly terminated by his falling an untimely victim to the climate.

The last series to the right I owe to Captain Robinson of the Nipal Residency; it was made partly with his own and partly with Mr. Hodgson's instrument, which will account for the shifting of the index point in June, 1834. In March also two adjustments were attempted by boiling the tube. These do not affect the utility of the register, when once noted. Captain Robinson's tables are invaluable from the number of periods during the day they embrace, but these will be alluded to hereafter in summing up the figured abstracts.

I was disappointed of getting any observations from the western hills, (the seat of the grand trigonometrical operations still going forward in those parts,) until after the plate had been long finished and the whole edition struck off, when Mr. H. S. BOULDERSON of Moradabad kindly transmitted me a file of observations taken by his brother, Mr. S. M. BOULDERSON, at Simla, between May and November, 1834. Rather than lose the valuable additional evidence which this register, at a position elevated about 7000 feet, and situated 400 miles to the west of Katmandhu, would afford, I have caused it to be

^{*} An apoplectic fit terminated his life of exemplary public service and private worth, at the very moment of his quitting employment, and retiring home to devote his latter days to the education of his family in England.

inserted, under the Bancoora column, heading the index line 23.50, to correspond with the average range of the barometer at Simla* and have reprinted the plate.

The first feature in the table that attracts attention is an almost perfect parallelism in the march of the barometer at Calcutta, Bancoora, Mozafferpur, Cawnpore, Nipal and Simla—places situated many hundred miles asunder from $22\frac{1}{2}$ to 28° north latitude, and 80° to 88° east longitude, with altogether differently prevailing winds and climates, and opposite geographical features. The same parallelism continues even as far south as Madras, but the excursions are there much subdued in every respect, and occasional deviations are observable, which seldom or never occur in the three Gangetic lines, except from such a local hurricane as that experienced in the immediate neighbourhood of Calcutta on the 3rd August, 1834. Between Bombay and Calcutta, little conformity of detail can be perceived, though the general direction is symmetrical. There is, however, considerable accordance between Bombay and Madras, the former having from its higher latitude a wider range of oscillation, both annual and intermediate.

The direction of the wind (at least of the lower stratum) alone seems quite insufficient to account for the barometrical variations, although it is generally true that the mercury rises with the prevalence of northerly, and falls with that of southerly winds, as might be expected from the different specific gravity of a warmer or colder atmospheric column. That the moon also has no regular influence appreciable on the scale of my table, must be, I think, also granted; for as many instances occur of a falling as of a rising barometer at the changes of lunar phases. The course of the thermometer, on the contrary, seems to have a decided connection with that of the barometer. This is exemplified in the comparative uniformity of the Madras line, and the increased curvature at other places. For convenience of division I assumed the tenth of an inch, as representing 10 Fahrenheit degrees of temperature. Had I taken double that amount, the general thermome-

* Having the former copy of the plate at hand, I have distributed it detached along with the other, hoping it may attract notice and procure me a fuller collection for some future year.

I have been also favored with a daily barometrical series for 1836 at Bangalore, by Dr. Mouat, but 1 have reason to think that the instrument used was sluggish in its movements. I trust, however, for the ensuing year, the labours of this zealous observer will be made available by the possession of better instruments. I have further many other broken series from Assam, Kyouk Phyoo, Candy, &c. but they are generally wanting in the barometer. A short series was also kept for me by Lieutenant Montrion, I. N. at the head of the bay in January and February, 1833.

tric curve for the year would have been nearly symmetrical with that of the barometer, except during the rainy season.

It should be remarked, that the daily undulations of temperature for Calcutta and Tirhút, are the extremes indicated by a register thermometer exposed to night radiation and noonday sun: those for Madras are only the variations of morning and afternoon heat in the shaded air. They both, however, but the former more distinctly, shew to the eye the influence of clouds and rain in diminishing the diurnal excursion; and in this respect a direct accordance is also observable in the reduced diurnal motion of the barometer; as I long since pointed out to be the case in regard to the Benares tables published in the Asiatic Researches, vol. XV.

Another material point to be noticed in the plate is the gale of the 3rd of August, when the Calcutta barometer dropt down to 28,8 inches passing (on the plate) through the Tirhút column, which is only partially affected. There is in all the lines a decided fall at the same period, but only of an ordinary extent, apparently unconnected with the disturbing cause of the Calcutta storm. Any who have witnessed the gathering of a north-wester during the calm serenity of a sultry evening, and have watched the turbulence of the clouds and commixture of upper currents prior to the sudden and furious generation of the whirlwind below, will be prepared to consider the hurricanes and gales of longer duration as equally insulated in their origin, only upon a much larger scale of operation. A sudden condensation of aqueous, or perhaps of gaseous matter, whether by electricity or simple cold, would, by drawing upwards toward the vacuous space, the under air, cause a fall in the barometer as certainly as if there were an absolute removal of superincumbent weight, for which there would be no mode of accounting; and this upward current could not take effect without the production of a horizontal current of corresponding degree and velocity.

The last point of instruction to be gained from the present plate,—and it is a very important one,—is the reliance that may be placed on the measurement of barometrical altitudes taken by comparing the observed height at places so distant as Cawnpore, or in the mountainous regions of the Himálayas with the register of a stationary instrument at Calcutta. I confess I always had misgivings on the comparability inter se of such distant readings, until as it were my hand refuted the doubts of my mind. The engraving shews that a dozen contemporaneous observations (that is, observations not made at the same instant, but at the same relative hour), would be ample for fixing the altitude of a place within moderate limits. Moreover, it shews that no reference of an observed height to a fixed unit (as 30 inches), as-

sumed as the barometric zero at the level of the sea, can possibly be trusted: hence the advantage of maintaining a constant register at one or several fixed spots; nay, it may be almost regarded as a public desideratum, where, as in India, the Government has so much to learn of the physical geography of its vast territories.

Want of space has prevented my including in the plate the thermometric columns for 1835; but the temperature does not require such minute discussion as the pressure, for obvious reasons. The hygrometrical phenomena also are rather unsuitable to graphic illustration. The monthly averages to which we must now pass will, it is hoped, be sufficiently comprehensive in these departments to cause no regret at the unavoidable suppression of the daily registers.

Beginning, then, with the Bombay and Socotra series we have the following

Abstract of Bombay Observations for part of 1834, by Mr. Henderson: for 1835, by Mr. S. Frazer.

		Joi 1000,	09 11111 101								
	Barometer	uncorrected	•	Thermometer.							
	10 A. M.	Noon.	3 P. M.	10 A. M.	Noon.	3 г. м.					
1834.											
January, .	30.06	30.03	29.98	76.5	77.5	79.2					
February, .	30.03	30.00	29.95	77.2	78.7	80.0					
March,		29.97	29.93	79.5	85.5	82.0					
J	Barometer re	duced to 32°	•			•					
1835.				1							
January,	29.974	29.939	29.889	Sunday	Obs. carent.						
February, .	.898	.907	.85 3	ditto.							
March,	.875	.837	,788	from 12th to	o 16th carent	t.					
April,	.890	.851	.790	16 to	20 ditto						
May,	.779	.752	,736	2, 3, 8 to	10 ditto.						
June,	.662	.639	.612								
July,	.610	.605	.579								
August, j	.688	.663	.630								
September	.730	.727	.626								
October,	.823	.786	.729	1 2042 0-4	An 0-3 Mr.						
November,	.935	.941	.900	3 South Oct	to 3rd No	v. carent					
December,	.980	.957	.902	from the 25t	h carent.						
3/											
Means,	29.824	29.800	29.753								

Mr. Noton, fancying I was only in want of the barometrical series, has omitted to send that of the thermometer or of the weather in general. His own observations for many years on the climate of Bombay are, however, published, and will supply the deficiency when we come to take a general review.

Abstract of Observations taken on the coast of Socotra, on board the H. C. S. Palinurus, H. B. Haines, Commander, in 1834.

Month.					ermome		Wind.	Weather.
January, .	29.429	29.416	29.414	76.7	80.7	79.4	ENE.	cloudy, 7 days rain.
March,	a393	.377	.395 .370	77.2			NE.	hazy and squalls. calms—clear.
June, July,				86.9 84.0				hard gales.

The last two months' journal contains also the readings at 4 A. M. sunrise, 3 P. M. and sunset; but necessarily on board a ship in heavy weather, the diurnal oscillations cannot fairly be estimated.

We may now pursue the same course with Mr. Dashwood's tables for $Tirh\acute{u}t$, from December, 1833, (prior to which they have already been inserted,) first only reducing the barometric altitudes to 32°. Mr. Dashwood, following my recommendation of tapping the tube before reading off, has, as I expected, made the daily oscillation considerably greater than in his first register. Thus also my new standard barometer is found to oscillate full a fifth more than the old, so that the real external change of pressure during the day is hitherto only approximately known, and may perhaps be nearer $1\frac{1}{2}$ than 1-tenth of an inch.

Monthly Abstract of Meteorological Observations, kept daily at Mozafferpúr in Tirhút, from the 1st December, 1833, to the 31st May, 1836, by the late Thomas Dashwood, Esq. C. S.

tate Thomas Dashwood, 129. O. C.												
Month.	-	ced	Thermometer in doors. outside.					Wind umb f day	er s.	Days Rain.	Weather.	
	9월 A M	15 P M	9₹ A M	$4\frac{1}{2}PM$	Max.	Min.	W.	E. N	. S.			
		inch.		_								
1833.			0	0	0	0						
December,	29.662	29.570	62.0	64.1	70.1	54. 8	18	13	0 0	8	fogs and showery.	
1834,		Ì					Ì					
January,	29.670	29.572	58.0	61.0	68.5	48.5	20		1 0		clear, cold.	
February,	29,620	29.531	64.6	69.2	75.5		14		1 1		fair, changing.	
March,	29.550	29.439		1		63.7	16		1 0		W.in day, E.at night.	
April,	29.470	29.367		78.6			11		1 0	_	do. 4 northwesters.	
May,		29.195		85.5		75.3	_				wind strong at night.	
June,	29.204	29.133	83.7	85.4							Cloudy and squally.	
July,		29.167		85.6		77.7	0				earthquake on 11th.	
August,		29.194		85.4		77.9	7	21	2 (12	changeable.	
September,		29.264		81.7			ł _	20	0 0	10	fair, earthquake.	
October,	29.525				1	74.0	9 23				gale on 4th, wet, fine.	
November,		29.621					21		0 0		fine, clear. hazy, fogs in morn.	
December,	29,762	29.660	65.1	67.8	70.7	53 6	21	10	0 0	3	mazy, rogs in morn.	
1835.					05 -	44.5	22	O	0 0		do. clear days.	
January,		29.687				44.5	1		0 1		4 squalls, fine.	
February,	29.761	29.672	65.0			52.8 57.7	25		0 (cloudy, fair.	
March,	29.675	29.601	71.5	1 -	•	1	1		0 0		frequent squalls.	
April,		29.528		1	1		5		0 0		several storms.	
May,		29.365	,			74.1	0				very heavy hail 14th.	
June,	29.377	29.306 29.268		1		73.9					constant rain.	
July,	29.331	29.310	82.8	1		73.1	12				3 storms, fair.	
August,	29.399	29.380	81.5	1 -		1	3				6 northwesters, fair.	
September,	29.494	29.518	78.1	1 -			1 10	11	2 (light winds, fair.	
October,		29.741		1	Į.		10	5	1 0		clear, 1 fog.	
November,		29.671		1		47.0		18	0 (2	heavy fogs, I squall.	
1836.	23,712	30.071	1							-		
January,	29.775	29,678	56.8	60.6	65.1	41.4			0 0		natural ice 3 nights.	
February,	29.697	29.598	61.8	65.5	72.2	48.3	12		0 0		changeable, fair.	
March,	29.499	29.393	73.6	77.2	86.5	60.2			2 (fair, 2 storms.	
April,	29.409	29.291	78.9	80.4	94.4	66.8			0 0		W. morn, E. night.	
May,	29.275	29.185	83.3	85.1	97.8	73.5	3	22	0 (6	clear, squally.	
May,							100			-		
Means, 1833.	29.433	29.348	76.0	79.0	87,0	69.1		232				
Means, 1834.	29.475	29.383	75.6	77.6		67.4		209				
Means, 1835.	29.595	29.503	76.1	77.1	82.6	62. 8	150	192	0 2	69	was not noted.	
										-		
Mean of 3 ys.	29.501	29.411	75.9	77.9	85,4	66.4				1		
							2 V	V. 3	16			
General mean	1, 29	.456	76		75.					,		
The Tirhút	Barom	eter ha	d not b	een cor	npare	d with	my	stan	dare	1.		

The Cawnpore table needs no particular remark. The daily notices of the weather are very full, but unfortunately there is no possibility of abbreviating them. I have attempted in some measure to meet this difficulty, as in the Tirhút tables, by numbering the days of each prevailing wind, and of rain. The predominance of easterly winds strikes me as rather anomalous during the hot season; but I have witnessed the same irregularity at Benares. The hot westerly wind is purely a day breeze, and very rarely extends to the night, which is generally calm, or has a light air in the opposite direction.

Abstract of a daily Register of the Weather at Cawnpore, kept by Col. G. Pollock, C. B. during the years 1834 and 1835.

				,								
Month.	Thermometer.			-	Thermometer.			nd,	da	ys.	days.	
	Barometer.	House.	Air.	Barometer.	House.	Air.	N.	E.	s.	w.	Rain d	
1834.	inches			1			1					
Jan,						Ì					ļ	
Feb	29.693		-	-	-	-	-	6		8	3	only 15 days observed.
March,	29.50			-			4	12	-	14	1	clear, one storm.
April,	29.403				-	-	5	9		10	3	terrific dust, storm 15th
May,	29.217		1	29.114			-	14		15	_	wind chgd.to W.at noon
June, July,	29.129 29.126			29.045 29.053			2	18 25		5	5	do. frequent squalls.
Aug	29.120		ŧ.	29.003			4	14	1	12		a few light showers. wind variable, cloudy.
Sept	29.271			29.189			_	20	1	6	17	much rain, cloudy.
Oct				29.375				14	_1	7	4	wind strong, 1 storm.
Nov	29.640			29.570			3	1	1	8	_	13 days obs. clear.
Dec	-	64.6				71.0	20	5	1	5	4	clear ; rain at Xtmas.
1835.												
Jan		59.5				69.5		4	-1	2	-	strong winds, cloudless.
Feb		64.0				74.7	8	6		12	2	light clouds, 1 squall.
March,			72.9	1 1		81.4		8		17	3	strong winds & squalls.
April,	_		85.0 93.0	-		$92.1 \\ 100.0$		18	6	8 9	9	dust storms, cloudless. unusually hot.
May, June,	29.243			29.237				19	2		13	rains begun 16th.
July,	29.285			29.267				6		17	11	heavy clouds, rain light.
Aug	29.432							13		ii l	14	much rain, cloudy.
Sept	29.543			29.445				15	1	5	8	cleared on the 25th.
Oct		_		-	-		_		_		-1	
١	29.656			29.573	1		1	- 1				Col. Pollock's Barom.
Nov. {	.922	69.7		.850	74.8	1						Dr. Dempster's do.
L	.870			.751			1					Mr. Campbell's do.
D	.676	GAC		.67	ma a							Col. Pollock's do.
Dec.	.955				70.0							Dr. Dempster's do.
(9 dys.) L	.898	. ~	, }	.782	1	. !	1)	1	1	1	Mr. Campbell's do.

The error of Colonel Pollock's instrument when compared with my standard in April, 1835, was only — .059. It is difficult therefore to account for its standing so much lower than Dr. Dempster's, and Mr. Campbell's, unless some accident happened to it on its return to Cawnpore.

The Bancoora series, being limited to two months, will not admit of an abstract; we may therefore pass to the Nipal tables.

Abstract of Daily Barometrical Observations, made at Katmandhu in Nepál, by Capt. G. H. ROBINSON.

• su 13	Mean height of Barometer reduced to 32° for the hours												ma.	ma.	ů.	
Months.	A.M. 7	8	10	11	12	P.M. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Maxima.	Minima	Daily Range.
1833.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.			in.
July,	••	••		••	**		••		••	••	••		••	25.126		
Aug Sept	••				3.							**	••		.083	
1834.		1	1									* *	••	.225	.153	.004
July,	25.168		••	.162			.101		.070	.073	.149		.129			.088
Aug		.185	• •		.159		.109	• •	.096	.101		• •	.15+			.074
Sept		.270	1	.259		206	.168	• •	.161		. 2 331		189			.109
Oct		.344	• •	.333	.310	.279	• •	.235		.240		.264				.111
Nov 1835.	•413	.440	**	.435	.423	.328	••	.328	.354	* "	•••	.381		• •		.086
April,	.401				.395		.355		.317			.341		200	202	0=4
May,	305				.292	,	.250		.221			*.240			.323	
June,	.198	1			.170		*.125		*.114			*.147			1.12	
July,	*.142		.149		,125		*.184		*.073		1	*.102				.074
Aug	*.233		.240		.219		*.169		*.153			*.17			.105	
Sept	*.315		.320		.289	1	*.238		.218		1	*.238			.217	
Oct	*.084		.407		.367		.313	• •	.295			.30		4		.1192
Nov	*.513		.541		.499		.450		.425			.4+			.428	1
Dec	*.457		.493	1	.449		.390		.383	1	1	.41		.493	1.376	.113

Abstract of Thermometrical Observations, made simultaneously with the above.

Months.	Thermometer inside the house.											The					
Mon	A.M.	8	10	11	12	P.M.	2	4	5	6	. 8	A. 7	M. 10	12	P. 2	M. 4	Rain.
1833.	75.0						70.0										
July, .	75.2	•••	• •	* *	••	• •	79.2		* *	••		69.3		**	84.6		9,517
Aug		••	•••	••	••	• •	76.7	• •	**	•••		69.6			81.8		13,720
Sept.	73.4	•• '			• • •	• •	77.1	• •	••			67.9	••		78.5	••	3,822
1834.	74.6	75.4		76.8	777 4	77.9	70.0	BH O							1		
July, .		1 *	••	1			78.3			77.2	77.0		••		• • •	••	14,436
Aug		74.5	••	76.3		77.8	78.0			76.9	76.3		• •			• •	12,380
Sept		73.9	• •	76.3		77.9	78.3			75.3	77.6					8.9	11,292
Oct		66.2	••	69.2	69.8					70.2		1					9,930
Nov.	60.0	61.7	• •	63.1	63.0	66.1	**	65.0		65,2							1,280
1835.																	
April,.	64.1	••	* 2	• •	67.7	• •	67.7					54.7		72.8	74.3	71.8	4,352
May,	69.3	• •			71.3	• •	73.2			77		62.9		77.1	78.0	77.1	4,207
June,.		• •			75.3	• •	*76.2					69.3		80.3	79 9	*76.9	7,941
July, .	*73.8	• •	75.2		75.7			*76.4				*73.4	77.6	81-0	79.5	*74.5	14,677
Aug	*73.0		74.2		75.2		*76.5			• •		*69.0			*79.6	*74.9	12,891
Sept	*71.4	• •	72-8		74.1.	• •	75.5					66.6	74.0	76.1	76.1		4,416
Oct			65.8		67.6		69.7	70.8				*5 5.0			71.1		1.608
Nov	*55.4		56.5		58.4		60.3	61.5				*40.5			63.7		0,063
Dec	*50.6	۱ ا	50.8		51.8		53.3	54.5				*34.5				54.1	1,211

The items marked with an asterisk were taken half an hour later than the hour indicated at the top of the column.

In July, August and September, 1833, the register notes only the minima and maxima temperatures, but to save room I have supposed these to accord with the hours of 7 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Of the two barometers registered at Katmandhu, that of the Resident has been preferred, for 1834. Capt. Robinson's tube for that year stood a quarter of an inch lower, and was hardly sensible to the diurnal oscillation. After boiling it in the month of September, however, it rose to within .02 of H.'s, and exceeded the latter in oscillation by .03. This and the circumstance of the hour of maximum 9 to 10 A. M. being unfortunately omitted among the numerous periods of the day selected for register, render not only the absolute amount of diurnal motion still uncertain for Nipál, but also prevent our calculating the annual average. I hope the series I am now promised by Dr. A. Campbell for 1837 will supply the want.

I reserve for a separate notice the calculated elevations connected with the *Nipál* series, as they are affected by the error alluded to in the preceding remarks, of assuming 30 inches for the barometric zero at the level of the sea.

The state of the wind in the valley has not been noted, but the fall of rain is recorded with precision, the average amount being about 50 inches.

The series for Simla does not comprehend an entire year, and will not therefore furnish averages. The temperature appears to be that of the interior of the house.

Abstract of Meteorological Register kept at Simla, from the 15th May to the 21st November, 1834. By S. M. Boulderson, Esq.

	Baro	meter at	3 2°.	y tide.	Thermometer.					
Month.	10 A.M.	4 P. M.	10 P. M	Day	10 A. M.	4 P. M.	10 P. M.			
May,	23.816 .784 .794 .827	.773 .723 .729	.802 .774 .784 .803	.033 .061 .065	70.8 67.4	74.5 70.6 67.6 67.9	73.9 69.2 66.9 65.9			
September,	.908	.832	.872	.076		66.0	65.4			
October, November,	.092	.942	978	.071		62.7 57.5	58.2 54.1			

The range at $7\frac{1}{2}$ A. M. is also given for the month of May, the mean of the barometer being 23.798; which proves the regularity of the nocturnal tide in these elevated regions.

I must, for want of time, leave to a future opportunity the further analysis of the above tables, and the deduction of general average results from the Calcutta tables for the past five years. Meantime, I will conclude with the insertion of a table of the temperature at Kandy in Ceylon, obligingly contributed by Captain Ord, R. E., and a note on the temperature of the Brahmaputra in Assam, compared with that of the air at the same time by Dr. W. Griffith.